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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Trends in the Philippines.

1. This paper is responsive to Mr. Cumming's suggestion at the 20 January meeting of the USIB that we have another look at the most recent Philippine estimate, SNIE 66-58, in view of Ambassador Bohlen's return for consultation.

2. The memorandum has been coordinated with the USIB representatives and circulated to the USIB members for possible discussion at the 27 January meeting of the USIB.

3. As you will note, this memorandum, in assessing developments since approval of SNIE 66-58, generally reaffirms the conclusions of that estimate. For this reason, the Board and the USIB representatives consider it unnecessary to formalize this memorandum by making it a SNIE.

FOR THE BOARD OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES:

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